

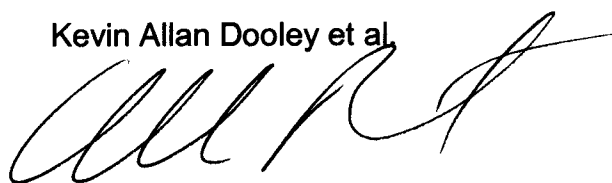
- REMARKS -

Claim 23 is currently cancelled.

Claims 1-22 and 24-30 remain pending in this application and are allowable according to the office action date December 19, 2006. A Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

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